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'Fantastic Pressures' Charged

CIA Forced Students To Spy, NSA Claims

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Clandestine Missions Charged

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WASHINGTON — Officers of the National Student Association (NSA) Friday night accused the Central Intelligence Agency of "trapping" American college students into roles as CIA agents and placing them under "fantastic pressures" not to disclose their clandestine missions overseas.

The charge against the CIA was made at a hectic news conference here in a hotel lobby by Sam Brown, a 23-year-old Harvard University divinity student who is chairman of the 10-member national supervisory policy board of the NSA.

Association Disavowed

Before a battery of eight television cameras, Brown disavowed any further association of the student organization with the CIA.

He said the NSA would assist "any public investigation" of the CIA's role on American college campuses with the testimony of student officers and with complete disclosure of records.

Brown and Gene Groves, president of the NSA, the largest student organization in the United States, denied reports that the organization would be dissolved. Both described the 24-hour meetings here of top NSA officers since last Tuesday as a "purifying experience" that would give the organization new strength and new freedom.

Brown said the week's intensive investigation by NSA board members had confirmed that, during some years since 1952, as much as 80 per cent of the student organization's annual budget came from the CIA, passed to the NSA by intermediary foundations and individuals. He listed them as the foundation for youth and student affairs; the Catherwood Foundation; the San Jacinto Foundation; the Independence Foundation; the Sidney and Esther Rabb charitable foundation; a "Mr. R. E. Smith," otherwise unidentified; and "at least 15 other foundations and individuals" which received CIA funds and redirected them to the NSA. Brown also disclosed for the first time how the CIA was able to recruit NSA officers and staff members. "This is the part of the whole thing that I found to be most disgusting and horrible," Brown said. "People were duped into this relationship with the CIA — a relationship from which there then was no way out."

Selected Members

The NSA staff members and overseas missions at international student gatherings were first given "a full security check, without their knowledge of it," Brown said. They were then interviewed either by NSA officers or staff already recruited by the CIA or directly by CIA employees.

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